

Honoring the extraordinary service and exceptional sacrifice of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), known as the Screaming Eagles; and "yea" on H. Con. Res. 297—Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Forces.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2008, I missed 3 recorded votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on recorded vote No. 486, "yea" on recorded vote 487, and "yea" on recorded vote 488.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 14, 2008, I missed recorded votes. Had I been present, the RECORD would reflect the following votes:

1) H. Res. 1067—Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world, "yes."

2) H. Res. 1080—Honoring the extraordinary service and exceptional sacrifice of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), known as the Screaming Eagles, "yes."

3) H. Con. Res. 297—Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Forces, "yes."

DEMOCRAT MAJORITY IS HOLDING AMERICA HOSTAGE

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in the 1970s our Nation was held hostage by OPEC starting an oil embargo that drove up gasoline prices and damaged the American economy. Today it's not OPEC holding us hostage but rather the Democratic majority that refuses to expand domestic energy production.

My constituents are hurting, \$4.10 a gallon of gasoline for regular, smaller boxes of cereal, diesel prices are through the roof hurting those truckers and higher prices for air conditioning bills. All of these increased costs shrink the wallets of working Americans and hurt even more the seniors on fixed incomes.

When will this majority wake up and realize that 73 percent of America approves of drilling? When will the majority admit that their energy policy will do nothing at all to lower prices at the pump?

Mr. Speaker, ideas to raise the gas tax 50 cents when we are in the midst of a national gasoline crisis are a bad joke pushed on the American public. We need to support our constituents and support drilling.

HONORING THURGOOD MARSHALL ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as I indicated earlier in the afternoon, H. Con. Res. 381 was being debated and that is the honoring and recognizing the dedication and achievements of Thurgood Marshall on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Let me thank Congressman PAYNE for his legislative initiative, the House Judiciary Committee Chairman JOHN CONYERS and Ranking Member Mr. LAMAR SMITH.

I stand here today as a living example of the legacy and the leadership of Justice Thurgood Marshall. Who would have thought as he broke the color line in Brown versus Topeka Board of Education that he would have opened the doors of opportunity for those from the East to the West and from the North to the South?

Most people don't know that America during the 1950s and earlier than that continued to be a segregated America. It did not matter where you lived. Thurgood Marshall had the courage to take this case to the United States Supreme Court. And the Warren court had the courage and rightness of mind to be able to establish an equal education for all.

I applaud Thurgood Marshall who was appointed to the Court of Appeals by President John F. Kennedy and ultimately the first African American to sit on the United States Supreme Court. He was one who understood justice. He was one who recognized the equality of all people. He was one who recognized that America is better when it reflects and appreciates its diversity.

Thank you, Justice Marshall, for the freedom and the opportunity you have given even to me.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COHEN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

FACES OF THE FALLEN MEMORIAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, I received a notice from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Architect of the Capitol directing me to remove a memorial located outside of my office that honors fallen Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The notice stated that the Faces of the Fallen memorial does not comply with the new hallway policy of the House.

However, memorials to honor the lives of those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan are respectfully displayed and should not fall under the Hallway Policy's jurisdiction.

In 2004, Congressman RAHM EMANUEL and I introduced legislation calling for an exhibit in the Capitol Rotunda to honor U.S. servicemembers who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our legislation was never considered. Instead, House Speaker Dennis Hastert directed the construction of a memorial listing names of the fallen in the foyer of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Because we believed more should be done to honor the lives of our fallen servicemembers, I, along with other Members of Congress, began to display more proper memorials outside our individual offices.

Hundreds of visitors from my district and others have stopped to view the faces of fallen Marines from Camp Lejeune displayed outside my door. It is seeing the faces of these Marines, the fathers, the mothers, the sisters, the brothers, the sons and the daughters that deeply impact these visitors.

Since the media has reported the attempt to remove the Faces of the Fallen memorial displayed outside my office, I have heard from constituents and people across the country who believe these memorials should remain on display.

An article published yesterday in the Jacksonville Daily News distributed in the area surrounding Camp Lejeune quoted two women who understand what it means to lose a loved one who has served our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the article for the RECORD.

The article quotes Deborah May, a woman whose husband was killed in Iraq in 2003. She told the Jacksonville Daily News that she has walked through the hallways of the House office buildings and she supports the memorials on display. And I quote Mrs. May: "When I go, I take my small children with me. The very least they could do is put a picture there to show my children that my husband is remembered and that this is what our government is about and our country and the freedoms we have."

The article also quotes Vivianne Wersel, the president of the Surviving Spouses Support Group at Camp Lejeune, who said that the memorial is as much as an icon as the American flag. And I quote her: "These servicemembers have given their lives for a conflict and something they believed in. I think that it is a reminder for those that are visiting Congress and that is what America is all about. They can walk the halls of Congress because of these young men that have given them the freedom to speak and the freedom to live."

Last week, I wrote a letter to Speaker NANCY PELOSI to explain the history behind these memorials and to ask her support in preserving their display. I know she understands the importance of honoring the servicemembers who have sacrificed for our Nation. And I thank her for honoring my request that the House observe a moment of silence each month to remember those killed